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Senator Patrick Leahy, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

We are writing to you to urge you to vigorously oppose the nomination of judges to the federal courts of appeal who would work to weaken or even eliminate basic rights of women, African Americans and homosexuals.

Fully half of the 18 nominees Governor Bush has announced have records that clearly indicate their disdain for women's right and for civil rights. We urge you to fight for the principles and values we share as progressives. Please help defeat the nominations of the judges listed below (attached is a brief record of each nominee):

- Terrence Boyle
- Patricia Cook
- Carolyn B. Kuhl
- Michael W. McConnell
- Pricilla Owen
- John G. Roberts
- Lavenski R. Smith
- Jeffrey S. Sutton
- Timothy M. Tymkovich

Thank you for your tireless efforts to oppose the radically conservative Bush agenda. Please help keep the courts a place where the wealthy and privileged can be held accountable for their exploitations. Defeat these nominees!

Thank you,

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and members of the
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Terrence Boyle, 4th Judicial District (North Carolina)

- Ruled against African American and for whites in 2 voting rights cases. Both cases were reversed on appeal
- Ruled against women in a Title VII sex discrimination case. This case was also reversed on appeal

Patricia Cook, 6th Judicial District (Ohio)

- Was endorsed by the Ohio Right to Life organization in her last election
- Voted against equalizing funding for Ohio public schools

Carolyn B. Kuhl, 9th Judicial District (California)

- Signed on to a brief urging the overrule of *Roe v. Wade*
- Argued in favor of a domestic gag rule
- Supported tax exempt status for Bob Jones University

Michael W. McConnell, 10th Judicial District (Utah)

- Signed statement called for overrule of *Roe v. Wade*
- Represented the Boy Scouts in their effort to remove a gay scout master

Pricilla Owen, 5th Judicial District (Texas)

- Voted to narrow and eliminate buffer zones around a group of Texas abortion clinics
- Has consistently voted against minors trying to use the judicial bypass provision of Texas' parental notification requirement

John G. Roberts, DC Judicial District (Washington, DC)

- Signed a brief urging that *Roe v. Wade* be overturned
- Argued against affirmative action for federal contractors
- Argued that abortion providers were not protected by civil rights law

Lavenski R. Smith, 8th Judicial District (Arkansas)

- Argued against Arkansas public hospitals providing abortions
- Accepted money from anti-abortion PAC

Jeffrey S. Sutton, 6th Judicial District (Ohio)

- Argued against the Americans with Disabilities Act applying to states
- Argued against the ADEA applying to states
- Argued against provision of the Violence Against Women Act that allowed women to sue their attackers in federal court
- Argued against private right of action for civil rights laws

Timothy M. Tymkovich, 10th Judicial District (Colorado)

- If favor of Amendment 2 to the Colorado Constitution which would ban local laws prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals